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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, IR, NL
SUBJECT: DUTCH FRIGATES FOR IRAN

REF: THE HAGUE 1719 (DTG 311300Z MAR 78), THE HAGUE 1434
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1. STATE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE VAN EKELEN, FRESH FROM A SUCCESSFUL WORKING VISIT TO WASHINGTON, MADE A POINT OF STRESSING TO CHARGE AND POL COUNS THE IMPORTANCE GON ATTACHES TO US COOPERATION IN FACILITATING A LARGE IRANIAN ORDER FOR EIGHT FRIGATES EQUIPPED WITH HARPOON.

2. VAN EKELEN INDICATED HE HAD MENTIONED THIS ISSUE TO ASD MCGIFFERT AND MG GRAVES AND SAID THAT HE WAS RAISING MATTER AGAIN TO BE SURE USG UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS ISSUE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR THE NETHERLANDS. THE IRANIAN ORDER, HE EXPLAINED, WOULD PROVIDE DESPERATELY NEEDED WORK IN A SEVERELY DEPRESSED INDUSTRY (WHICH GON IS SEEKING TO SUPPORT) AND WILL MEAN JOBS FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. VAN EKELEN WAS AWARE AND APPRECIATED ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO INTRODUCE RESTRAINTS INTO

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CONVENTIONAL ARMS SALES BUT PLEADED FOR FULL US UNDERSTANDING FOR A MATTER WHICH WAS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE TO THE NETHERLANDS. HE SUPPORTED HIS ARGUMENT BY THE ASSERTION THAT THE US HAD MADE HARPOON DIRECTLY AVAILABLE TO THE IRANIANS AND SAID GON HOPED FOR FULL US COOPERATION.

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